ഈ രണ്ടുസ്ഥലത്തും വിശ്രമസ്ഥലങ്ങൾ പണിയുന്നതിന് എസ്റ്റിമേറും പ്ലാനും തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എറണാകുളത്ത് വിശ്രമസ്ഥലം പണിയുന്നതിന് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ₹൦,൦൦൦ക. വക കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

The extension of the Krishna Vilas compound.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the special necessity for extending the compound of the Krishna Vilas Palace and thereby reducing the extent available for the public for recreation purposes;

(b) is the present compound of the Palace found insufficient for the purpose for which it is intended?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The locality referred to was a swamp, and was at no time used for recreation purposes. It has been all along a part of the Easwara Seva or Krishna Vilas compound.

(b) This aspect of the matter did not suggest itself for consideration, when the extension was decided.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the consideration under which the extension was made?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer is there. It is clear enough.

President.—The idea was to extend the compound. The question of insufficiency is not the thing. There is the compound which was known as the Easwara Seva compound. It was added on. The place was not a portion of the original compound. It is a swamp, and as regards the extension and all that, it is a matter quite different. The idea was suggested to me. I took the Chief Engineer into consultation. He drew a plan, etc. Some may like it, some may not. Now, are you satisfied, Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Yes, Sir.

Flood damages on the Kurumali river.

164. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(i) whether there have been complaints from the public on either side of the Kurumali river regarding the heavy damages caused to them by floods and praying for relief measures during the past 16 years or so;

(ii) whether they have ascertained the nature and extent of the damages, and if so, an account of the same;

(iii) whether the public of 21 villages memorialised the Government in 1100, and if so, the action taken on their complaints;

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(iv) the average extent of annual damages caused on either side of the river and the amount spent by the Government till now to redress their grievances;

(v) how long is it that the old bund on the southern side of the river has been in existence, and the special reasons that prompted the Government to abandon the same now, after spending a very large amount?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(i) Yes.

(ii) It is impossible to estimate the extent of damages caused with any degree of accuracy. All available information has been furnished in the answers given to questions 72, 92 and 236 of the legislative session of 1101, published on pages 189 269 and 622 of the printed proceedings.

(iii) Yes. There were several breaches in the northern and southern bunds, and they were all closed expeditiously. The most serious breach was at Mandarath *chira* near Arattupula and it was reconstructed in 1100.

(iv) Vide answer to sub-division (ii) above.

Rs. 24,620—15—10 was spent by the Government.

(v) There is no definite information as to how long the old bund has been in existence.

The Government are of opinion that the strengthening and raising of these bunds alone cannot solve the problem of floods in that locality. Such works may even aggravate the present situation. The scheme for draining the Muriyad lake is under investigation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I refer to the last portion. Then, how was it that sanction was given to put up a bund at a cost of Rs. 31,000?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say. Past experience has taught us that like the bund, the Kurumali river will not save us, and it has taught us that such protective work does not help us much in solving this problem.

President.—In the Karuvannur river it is a different thing.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Karuvannur river leaves the high ground at Urakam and enters low ground at Injamudi. If we don't protect the country at that place, there will be very great damage done at Urakam. Such a condition does not exist on the banks of the Kurumali.

Teak plantations in Malayattur.

165. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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